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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application.

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Accordingly, no fee is due with the filing of this paper.

The relevance of the non-English language documents JP 2000-243774 A and JP 11-54508 A may be ascertained from the English-language translation of their Abstract. The relevance of the non-English language document JP 2000-195891 A may be ascertained from the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,410,414 B1 filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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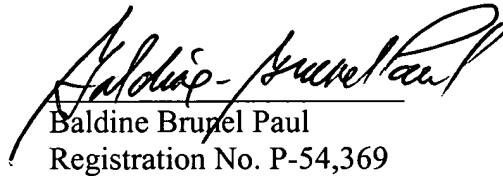
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